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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Federal Emergency Management Agency

[Docket ID: FEMA-2013-0054; OMB No. 1660-0015]

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request;  
Revisions to National Flood Insurance Program Maps: Application Forms and  
Instructions for (C)LOMAs and (C)LOMR-Fs

AGENCY: Federal Emergency Management Agency, DHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Emergency Management Agency, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on a revision of a currently approved information collection. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice seeks comments concerning information required by the Federal Emergency Management Agency to amend or revise National Flood Insurance Program maps to remove certain property from the 1-percent annual chance floodplain.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before [INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER].

ADDRESSES: To avoid duplicate submissions to the docket, please use only one of the following means to submit comments:

(1) Online. Submit comments at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket ID FEMA-2013-0054. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

(2) Mail. Submit written comments to Docket Manager, Office of Chief Counsel, DHS/FEMA, 500 C Street, SW., Room 8NE, Washington, DC 20472-3100.

All submissions received must include the agency name and Docket ID.

Regardless of the method used for submitting comments or material, all submissions will be posted, without change, to the Federal eRulemaking Portal at

<http://www.regulations.gov>, and will include any personal information you provide.

Therefore, submitting this information makes it public. You may wish to read the Privacy Act notice that is available via the link in the footer of <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stuart Rooney, Program Specialist, Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration, DHS/FEMA, 202-646-1643. You may contact the Records Management Division for copies of the proposed collection of information at facsimile number

(202) 646-3347 or email address: [FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@dhs.gov](mailto:FEMA-Information-Collections-Management@dhs.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4001 et seq. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) administers the NFIP and maintains the maps that depict flood hazard information. The land area covered by the floodwaters of the base flood is the Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA) on NFIP maps. The SFHA is the area where the NFIP's floodplain management regulations must be enforced and the area where the mandatory purchase of flood insurance applies. If a SFHA has been determined to exist for property and the owner or lessee of the property believes his/her property has been incorrectly included in a SFHA, information can be

provided to support removal of the SFHA designation. NFIP regulations, at 44 C.F.R. parts 65 and 70, outline the data that must be submitted by an owner or lessee of property who believes his/her property has been incorrectly included in a SFHA. In order to remove an area from a SFHA, the owner or lessee of the property must submit scientific or technical data demonstrating that the area is “reasonably safe from flooding” and not in the SFHA.

#### Collection of Information

Title: Revisions to National Flood Insurance Program Maps: Application Forms and Instructions for (C)LOMAs and (C)LOMR-Fs.

Type of Information Collection: Revision of a currently approved information collection.

FEMA Forms: FEMA Form 086-0-26, Property Information; FEMA Form 086-0-26A, Elevation Form; FEMA Form 086-0-26B, Community Acknowledgement Form; FEMA Form 086-0-22 and FEMA Form 086-0-22A (Spanish), Application Form for Single Residential Lot or Structure Amendments to National Flood Insurance Program Maps.

Abstract: FEMA collects scientific and technical data submissions to determine whether a specific, single-lot property is located within or outside of a SFHA. If the property is determined not to be within a SFHA, FEMA provides a written determination and the appropriate map is modified by a Letter of Map Amendment (LOMA) or a Letter of Map Revision – Based on Fill (LOMR-F). The owner or lessee of a property uses a LOMA or LOMR-F to show that a property is not flood prone, making it possible for the

lending institution to waive the flood insurance requirement. If insurance is carried for the property, the new determination should result in significantly lower rates.

Affected Public: Individuals and Households; and Business or Other for-Profit Institutes.

Number of Respondents: 97,503.

Number of Responses: 97,503.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 150,725

Estimated Cost: The property owner is required to hire a surveyor or engineer at an average cost of \$450 to provide certified elevation data. Therefore the total annual cost burden to respondents is estimated to be \$47,465,100.

## Comments

Comments may be submitted as indicated in the ADDRESSES caption above.

Comments are solicited to (a) evaluate whether the proposed data collection is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submission of responses.

Dated: December 11, 2013

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